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NORTH VIETNAM, OF RUSSELL TRIBUNAL ON ORGANIZATION OF A
PERMANENT VIETNAM COMMITTEE

2. PLANS FOR AN AID SHIP TO NORTH VIETNAM

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1. (SUMMARY. ALTHOUGH THE PARIS SECRETARIAT OF THE
BERTRAND RUSSELL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL STILL PLANS TO FORM
A PERMANENT ORGANIZATION TO CARRY ON THE WORK OF THE TRIBUNAL
AFTER IT CLOSES IN OCTOBER, SOVIET PRESSURE HAS FORCED
NORTH VIETNAM INTO WITHDRAWING FROM THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE.
THE PARIS SECRETARIAT IS NOW PLANNING TO EITHER ORGANIZE THE
PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON A NON-GOVERNMENTAL BASIS OR TO USE
THE ~~AFRO~~-ASIAN-LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLE'S SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION
AS A BASE. ONE OF THE FIRST ACTIVITIES OF THE NEW COMMITTEE
WILL BE TO SPONSOR AND COORDINATE THE SENDING OF AN AID SHIP
FROM VARIOUS MEMBER COUNTRIES TO NORTH VIETNAM.)

2. BECAUSE OF SOVIET OPPOSITION, WHICH PRESSURED THE NORTH
VIETNAMESE INTO WITHDRAWING THEIR SUPPORT, THE PLAN OF THE
ACTIVISTS RUNNING THE BERTRAND RUSSELL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL
PARIS SECRETARIAT TO FORM A PERMANENT ORGANIZATION TO CARRY
ON THE WORK OF THE TRIBUNAL AFTER ITS CLOSING SESSION IN
OCTOBER HAD TO BE MATERIALLY ALTERED. COMMENT.

REPORTED THE PLAN TO FORM A PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.)

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ORIGINALLY THE PARIS SECRETARIAT ORGANIZERS INTENDED TO MAKE THIS NEW, PERMANENT ORGANIZATION, TENTATIVELY REFERRED TO AS THE ~~WORLD~~ VIETNAM COMMITTEE (WVC) AND PREVIOUSLY REFERRED TO AS THE ~~WORLD~~ COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, A FULL-BLOWN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION WITH THE OFFICIAL SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION OF THE LEADERS OF A NUMBER OF SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AND OF THE LEADERS OF A NUMBER OF MAJOR OPPOSITION PARTIES IN CAPITALIST COUNTRIES. *Foreign*

3. WHEN TRIBUNAL SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL JEAN-PIERRE ~~VIGIER~~ WENT TO CUBA IN MARCH 1967, HE OBTAINED THE AGREEMENT AND PLEDGE OF SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED WVC OF FIDEL CASTRO HIMSELF. THE PARIS SECRETARIAT SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING SIMILAR PLEDGES FROM PRIME MINISTER KIM IL-SONG OF NORTH KOREA, PRINCE SIHANOUK OF CAMBODIA, HOURI BOUMEDIENNE OF ALGERIA, AND PRIME MINISTER PHAN VAN DONG OF NORTH VIETNAM. THE SECRETARIAT HAD ALSO LINED UP SUCH LESSER FIGURES AS BERTRAND RUSSELL AND JEAN-PAUL ~~SARTRE~~. *noted* IT HAD SENT LETTERS INVITING THE SUPPORT OF SUCH POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS AS CHAIRMAN SASAKI KOZO OF THE JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP) AND SECRETARY GENERAL MIYAMOTO KENJI OF THE JCP.

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THE ORIGINAL PLANS CALLED FOR THE SELECTION OF NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NEW WVC TO BE MADE BY 23 APRIL FOR A PREPARATORY MEETING. THE WVC WAS THEN TO HAVE BEEN FORMALLY ORGANIZED ON 1 MAY.

4. AFTER THESE PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE, SOVIET OFFICIALS PRESSURED THE NORTH VIETNAMESE INTO WITHDRAWING. THE SOVIETS HAD TWO REASONS FOR OPPOSING THIS NEW WVC: FEAR THAT IT WOULD BE TOO MILITANT AND UNCONTROLLABLE BY THE SOVIETS, AND FEAR THAT IT WOULD OVERSHADOW AND THUS UNDERCUT, THE STILL PLANNED SOVIET-SPONSORED WORLD COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE IN MOSCOW. AFTER THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WITHDREW, KIM IL-SONG ALSO ADVISED THE PARIS SECRETARIAT THAT HE WAS WITHDRAWING. CASTRO WAS DISPLEASED BY THIS REVERSAL OF PLANS AND URGED THE SECRETARIAT TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO FORM THE WVC. BOUMEDIENNE HAS ALSO STATED HIS DESIRE TO SEE WVC FORMED, IN SPITE OF SOVIET OPPOSITION.

5. THE PARIS SECRETARIAT HAS NOT ABANDONED ITS PLANS TO ORGANIZE THE WVC, IN SOME FORM. TWO POSSIBILITIES ARE CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED. ONE IS TO FORM THE WVC FROM A

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BASE OF NEWLY CREATED NON-GOVERNMENTAL "PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS" IN THE VARIOUS PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. THE OTHER POSSIBILITY IS TO USE THE PRESENT HAVANA-HEAD-QUARTERED AFRO-ASIAN-LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLE'S SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION AS THE BASE ON WHICH TO FORM THE WVC.

6. THE PARIS SECRETARIAT STILL INTENDS TO ORGANIZE THE WVC INTO A FUNCTIONING, ACTIVE ORGANIZATION BY THE TIME THE TRIBUNAL CONCLUDES ITS FINAL SESSION IN OCTOBER. AS ONE OF THE FIRST ACTIVITIES OF THE NEW WVC, THE ORGANIZERS ARE CONSIDERING A COORDINATED CAMPAIGN BY SEVERAL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES TO SEND AID SHIPS TO NORTH VIETNAM. THESE SHIPS WOULD SAIL SEPARATELY FROM SUCH PLACES AS JAPAN, ENGLAND, FRANCE, SCANDINAVIA, NORTH KOREA, AND CUBA IN THE LATTER PART OF 1967 AND EARLY 1968. THE SHIPS WILL CARRY MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID GOODS, AND VOLUNTEER TECHNICIANS TO REPAIR FACILITIES IN NORTH VIETNAM DAMAGED BY AMERICAN BOMBING.

7. IN JAPAN THE RIVALRY FOR CONTROL OF THIS TRIBUNAL MOVEMENT HAS RESULTED IN A CURIOUS SITUATION. THE JCP FRONT, JAPAN COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE WAR CRIMES IN VIETNAM (JCIWCV),

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UNDISPUTEDLY CONTROLS THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE MOVEMENT AND WILL SPONSOR THE JAPAN SESSION OF THE TRIBUNAL. BUT ITS RIVAL, THE LEFTIST AND ANTI-AMERICAN (BUT NOT JCP-CONTROLLED) JAPAN 'PEACE FOR VIETNAM' COMMITTEE (BEHEIREN) HAS THE INSIDE TRACK IN ORGANIZING THE SENDING OF AN AID SHIP TO VIETNAM. THE JCP HAS SO FAR TAKEN NO ACTION OR INTEREST IN THIS ACTIVITY. BEHEIREN IS ACTIVELY PURSUING THIS IDEA AND IS LAUNCHING A FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN TO FINANCE IT. ONE SCHEME BEHEIREN IS CONSIDERING CONCERNS A PURCHASE ORDER FOR TWO SHIPS PLACED BY THE PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT WITH A SHIPBUILDING FIRM IN YAEZU, SHIZUOKA PREFECTURE. BEHEIREN OFFICIALS ARE IN CONTACT WITH THE SHIPBUILDING FIRM AND PLAN TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE PAKISTANIS FOR ONE OF THE SHIPS TO CALL AT HAIPHONG WITH BEHEIREN AID AND VOLUNTEERS ON ITS WAY FROM JAPAN TO PAKISTAN.

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